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FY 1999 Resource Enhancements

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Texas

Border Patrol Staffing for Southwest Border Sectors –

LOCATION				Current Staff	Increase	Total	Percent Increase
Del Rio Agents	Sector			583	80	663	14%
	Support			141	15	156	11%
El Paso Sector*	Agents			991	25	1016	5%
	Support			180	–	180	–
Laredo Agents	Sector			657	120	777	18%
	Support			129	10	139	8%
Marfa Agents	Sector			161	25	186	16%
	Support			57	–	57	–
McAllen Agents	Sector			1,011	250	1,261	25%
	Support			172	37	209	22%
Air Ops/Central Agents	Regional	Ofc.		30	–	30	–
	Support			24	–	24	–
Total Border Patrol Agents				3,433	500	3,933	15%
Support				703	62	765	9%

* Includes positions assigned to the El Paso Sector but stationed in New Mexico. Less than half of the current staff of Border Patrol agents are stationed in New Mexico. Fifteen of the new positions will go to New Mexico.

Construction –

- Border Patrol Construction Projects** **\$20.9 Million**
 Resources to construct new Border Patrol facilities in Hebbronville, Falfurrias, Sierra Blanca, Brownsville and the Del Rio Presidio Border Patrol Station.
- Joint Task Force Six (JTF-6) Military Construction** **\$939,000**
 Resources for JTF-6 construction of vehicle barriers, border road improvements, and stadium lighting in the Del Rio, Laredo and Marfa Sectors.
- Detention Facility Construction Projects** **\$1.0 Million**
 Resources for the construction of support facilities at the Port Isabel Service Processing Center.

Technology and Automation –

INS has long recognized the critical role technology plays in its mission to carry out the nation's immigration laws, and INS' commitment to equipping its officers with the best technology available continues in the FY 1999 budget.

- **Night-Vision Equipment:** INS has deployed advanced night-vision technology to aid in night operations. Sophisticated goggles and pocket scopes, mobile infrared imaging scopes and low-light remote television systems are allowing the Border Patrol to more effectively detect, track and apprehend illegal border crossers and smugglers and to interdict and seize illegal drugs and other contraband.